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The Dutch Town of Heeze, in the Southern Province of North Brabant, The Netherlands, is famous for its annual celebration of the Brabantse Dag (Brabant's Day). Thousands of Tourists come to watch the Parade. More on Heeze and the Brabantse Dag on pages 22-23.

Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

Below are the even and its Sub-Clubs f	ts and activities organised by New For 2023.	erlandia	Club details: Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhou						
March 2023			most of their activities.	,					
Sunday 5	Sunday Drive Doors open 10.00am for Coffee. More details on page 18.	10.30 am	Address: 110 North Lake Road, Myaree—6154 Postal Address: P. O. Box 200,						
Mon 6,13,20,27	Billiard Club	9.30 am	Email: neerlandia@dutchclubwa.com						
Wed 1,15,29	<u>Bingo</u>	11am							
Thurs 2,9,16,23,30	Neerlandia Thursday Cards	7pm	Webpage: www.dutchclubwa.com						
Thurs 9,23	Neerlandia Seniors' Club	10am	Phone: Contact Comm Members on second las						
Sat 4,11,18,25	Dutch Singers Morley Windmills		From the President Editorial	3 6					
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Fri 31	Maas & Waal Borrel Myaree	6.pm	Ditjes & Datjes Interesting reading	10,11					
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Saturday 1	Easter Craft Afternoon (More details on page 7)	2.00pm	Bingo & Seniors	8, 14,					
Sunday 2	Sunday Drive Doors open 10.00am for Coffee. More details on page 18.	10.30 am	Dutch News Sub-Club News	15 18,19					
Mon 3,10,17,24	Billiard Club	9.30 am	Dutch Community	9					
Wed 12,26	Bingo	11am	Radio New Members	17					
Thurs 6,13,20,27	Neerlandia Thursday Cards	7pm	New Members	17					
Thurs 6,20	Neerlandia Seniors' Club	10am	The BoekHoek	13					
Sat 1,8,15,22,29	<u>Dutch Singers</u> Morley Windmills		Humour	20,21					
Sun 23	Neerlandia around the World I	<u> unch</u>	Upcoming Birthdays	16					
	(More details on page 7)		Holland Towns & Cities	22,23					
Fri 28	Kings Day & M & W Borrel Myaree	6pm	Puzzle Pages	24,25 26					
May 2023 Sunday 7	Sunday Drive	10.30 am	Dutch Organisations, Clubs & Associations	27					
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The President's report



President's Report. As observed in my comments last month, this year has already flown by. Hard to believe we have gone through the first two months of 2023 already. Our Sub-Clubs are back in action and already we have seen new faces joining up the clubs and become Neerlandia Members. It is important to

remember that each existing member of Neerlandia, should encourage other members of their family, friends or associates, who express an interest in what Neerlandia is doing, to become members.

Together we can achieve so much more. Neerlandia is not exclusively for people with a Dutch background.

It is a fact of life, new life is created when we are born. That life ends when we die.

Hopefully, that life was filled with lots of happy and memorable events, many good deeds, and a life well lived. This can be said about one of our Life Members, Henk Oorschot, who passed away on the 9th February. See the obituary about what Henk has achieved whilst a member of Neerlandia.

I am extremely heartened by the energy of our Committee. Lots of good ideas are flowing in and our next NEW Activity is the Easter Craft afternoon. Our newest Committee members have coordinated material and ideas that should ensure all our young children (5 to 12) will have an Easter Treat to take home on Saturday 1st of April. See the ad in this magazine.

Likewise, our teenagers can display their musical talent at the Karaoke afternoon also on the 1st of April. These two events will allow families to enjoy a wonderful afternoon together in the midst of other Dutch speaking people. Our Around the World Lunch will go ahead as planned. I invited the Polish Kukuleczka Dance group to perform. Unfortunately, unbeknown to me, this date clashed with their annual "Friendship Day" they celebrate with the

Hungarian club. This is of course a very nice thing for both clubs, but for us, we have to wait for another opportunity at a later date.

Approaches have been made to other ethnic groups and we will have entertainment to show you on the 19th of March.

Please keep your events calendar close by within your home. Whilst we have listed all known events, it is possible that an event may be rescheduled, cancelled, or modified. Also New Events, not yet listed in our calendar may come up. Please refer to the inside page of your Neerlandia Magazine for possible changes and note these on your calendar.

As always, I encourage members to remain vigilant with your health. Covid is still in the Community, and it is mutating all the time. I saw a Health report over the last month, which was rather frightening. It underscored the necessity to keep oneself healthy, for once your immune system is down, you become vulnerable to ever present existing and new emerging pathogens, which invade and take over parts of our body. So, treat your health as if it were GOLD.

John Zwartkruis, President

Remembrance Day at Karrakatta.

In the past ANSWA organised the annual remembrance day commemorations at the Dutch Enclave at Karrakatta Cemetery.

Over the past few years, this task has been performed privately by Lianna Parker & Elly Spillekom.

Neerlandia is now seeking an indication from its members whether they would like to attend this year's commemoration on:

Thursday the 4th of May.

It will be a low key event with a simple laying of wreaths and flowers.

The Neerlandia Committee is proposing to transport members to and from Karrakatta Cemetery by bus leaving from the Rhein Donau Club and having Coffee back at the Rhein Donau Club afterwards.

The 4th of May will also be a Seniors Club day, so those returning from Karrakatta, can mingle with the Seniors Club members.

If you would like to go, please contact any one of our Committee members by phone or email. Depending on the degree of interest shown, will determine what type of transport we need.

The Neerlandia Committee.

The New Year's Day Dive

The New Year's Dive.

On the 1st of January 2023 a group of like-minded people and with an interest in Dutch culture, assembled at Floreat Beach at 2 pm.

The New Year's Day Dive is a typical tradition in the Netherlands, which of course happens every winter in the Netherlands on January 1st. During the last few years this event has also been organised in Australia and for the second time it was organised in Perth after an hiatus, because of Covid.

Almost 100 excited people assembled in the early afternoon at Floreat Beach in warm weather and with a

nice breeze and great waves.

After the countdown everyone dived into the ocean which involve a lot of cheering, the occasional shriek and endless laughter. Afterwards the particopants got together at the tables where poffertjes, made and delivered by Domino's Pizza. Were served It was a unique event with a lot of new and young faces, which we hope to see at the Dutch Club events as well.

Many thanks to the Floreat Life Saving Club to keep us safe. Also tremendous thanks to Allard Travels for organising this event and offering the poffertjes to everybody for free. Also many thanks for organisers, Laura Oskam, Gerrieke van Aperlo, Karin Eastwood-Helder and Freek Bijlsma.

Please have a good look at the pictures to get a great impression of this 'Orange' event.



Machiel.











The New Year's Day Dive by the Dutch





Ditjes & Datjes & Editorial

Are you a potential Musical Maestro like André Rieu?

One of our Neerlandia members is involved with the "Northern Lights Music group" and is interested in budding musicians, be you young or young at heart. The group has two ensembles in each of two locations:

If you are interested in music, just starting to

learn, returning after some time away, or just

Heathridge and Warnbro.

looking to make music amongst friends, please contact them on 0401 339 006, at northernlightsmusicwa@gmail.com or visit their website at: http://www.northernlightsmusicwa.org If you like to play, but don't have an instrument, please enquire. They do have a variety of loan instruments available. This new orchestra has rehearsals as follows: Thursdays – Secondo (Beginners – level 3) 6:00PM, Primo (level 3 – above) 7:30PM at Guy Daniel Clubroom, HEATHRIDGE Sundays – Beginners and Primo (level 3 – above) 2:00 PM at Rockingham Mandurah Lutheran Church, WARNBRO Come and find out if this is for you. You will be in great company.

I feel bad for parents nowadays. You have to be able to explain the birds & the bees... The bees & the bees... (2) The birds & the birds... 😥 🕮 🖺 The birds that used to be bees... 📦 📦 The bees that used to be birds... The birds that look like bees... Plus bees that look like birds but still got a stinger!!! @@@@@@

Editorial.

For many years Henk Oorschot has assisted me with the Neerlandia magazine, not only by providing many articles, but also as a proof-reader.

On a few rare occasions we did have a small difference of opinion, but we also had great laughs, especially about the jokes pages. But that is what life is all about.

Late 2022, Henk decided to call it a day due to his deteriorating health and stepped down from most of his Neerlandia duties, but wanted to keep going with his pet project the Bingo as well as with proof-reading the Magazine.

The December/January '23 magazine was the very last one he did and after he talked me through his proposed amendments, he said it was most likely the very last one he would do.

Despite this very honest prediction, his passing still came as a great shock to me. I will miss his wit, his determination for excellence and work ethics.

My sincere condolences to Riet and all her family.

Pieter Leeflang, Editor

German police attitude to Eco warrior glueing his hand to the road. Finding it difficult to remove his hand, they dig up the part of the road his hand is stuck to, and release him...... sort yourself out now......brilliant!



Around the world Lunch 19 March



Around the World Lunch -SUNDAY

19 March 2023

Come for another Cultural Experience and Cuisine from another part of Europe.

> 12:30 PM Lunch Doors open 11:30 AM.

Unfortunately, our Polish Friends are unable to join us, as our date clashed with their "Friendship Day" with the Hungarian Club. Nevertheless, alternative entertainment is being arranged and we will still have a wonderful day.

Our Menu will be styled on a theme befitting our guests.

Our surprise lottery will once again be part of proceedings so be sure to be there.

Tickets are needed for this event and are available from John (Jan) Zwartkruis President & Events Coordinator for Neerlandia.

This event is once again subsidised by your Neerlandia Committee. Full Financial Members only \$25.00 and Non (financial) Members \$50.00 Book early to avoid disappointment.

> Bookings: Phone John Zwartkruis on 0434 920 252 or send an email to terjohnz@gmail.com

OR contact any Neerlandia Committee Member listed in the back of this magazine or your Club-Coordinator.

Bookings can also be requested through neerlandia@dutchclubwa.com

The Bingo Page



NEERLANDIA BINGO Doors open at 10am. Eyes down at 11am.

Coffee and tea and biscuits are provided: Self Service. Lunch: A bowl of soup and a bun will cost you \$7.50.



Bingo report for 15/02/2023.

John and my stand in, George van Beek, who quickly fell into the rhythm of things (yours truly Lou off with Covid). They had 36 players of whom Kerry Nattrass and Bill Deugd



played for free. The Cadbury Favourite Chocolates went to Henk Smit (who can be seen in the photo giving one to each of the ladies. Good on you Henk).

The Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero Chocolates went to Ann Heistek, and Bill Deugd took out the \$25 bonus game; \$47 in total. Has John van Gentevoort got ESP?

He called bingo on ball 87, but that number wasn't called, so full house was denied. But, wouldn't you know it, 87 was the very next ball. The Jackpot went off in just 51 balls 11 balls less than the limit, and the winner was Henk Uyen (Mr Bingo) prize money \$173 and he also picked up the \$5 for a line in the same game, it was really his day. In another game Babette van Dijk gasped when 21 was called she needed 12, another 2 balls later, number 12 came out. Leo Steijntjes had brought a friend Kevin Chave, Tiny Swart a past Neerlandia member and George van Beek, after a long absence, returned to Bingo.

Bingo report for 1/02/2023.

Members were treated to cake supplied by John on account of his Birthday (16th of Feb), and Mia Boshart brought along a box of Roses Chocolates as well and everyone had a real treat.

Once again George van Beek stood in for me (Lou could not attend). There were 34 players in attendance and the ones who played for free were Louise Loomans and Jo van Gentevoort. The Cadbury Favourites Chocolates went to Janke Raayen whilst Tiny Swart picked up the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero Chocolates. Well done all of you.

The \$25 bonus game was won by Freda Hovingh, a healthy \$45.

In game 5: Three players claimed the 3 left end numbers, they were Helen Dans, Thea Blocks and Louise Loomans, who called late. Helen gave up her prize to Thea Blocks, and to top it off, three players shared the full house in the same game. They were Greta van Sant, Tinie Deugd and Thea Blocks; they received \$7 each.

The Jackpot did not go off and will go to the next Bingo Day.

If you feel that you would like to participate in having a good time and a really good laugh or you have any questions about Bingo, please don't hesitate to contact either John or myself.

Hosts: John Zwartkrius & George van Beek (standing in for Lou James)

Enquiries to John:- 0434 620 252 or Lou:- 0427 018 777

Dutch Community Radio (DCR) Report



BROADCASTING IN THE DUTCH LANGUAGE

SUNDAY FROM 17:30 TO 19:00 ON 107.9FM.

ENABLING THE DUTCH COMMUNITY TO REMAIN <u>CONNECTED WITH THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE.</u>

Welcome to the exiting news from the Dutch Community Radio (DCR).

What is the DCR? We noticed that there are many people who do not know that there is a weekly broadcast of 90 minutes, in the Dutch language to enable the Dutch Community to remain with their cultural heritage. The programming and presentation are done by an enthousiastic group of volunteers who live in Perth and have a strong connectionwith the The Netherlands.

The programs are varied, with a diverse genre of music to cater for all age groups. Over a year ago we moved our broadcasts to a different station, and the broadcasting time changed. We heard that people thought we ceased to exist. Rest assured, you can still listen to the

weekly program in Dutch on a Sunday, but yes, the times and frequency have changed. Frequently we hear the question 'How can I listen to the DCR?' Well, our programs go to air every Sunday from 17:30 to 19:00 hours on Radio Fremantle, 107.9FM. Due to the new time being around the Happy Hour, and because it took bravery to make the move, the new program is called Dutch Courage.

Why did we move? It wasn't an easy decision, but our radio programs are getting many younger listeners who prefer to listen online, instead of via the

old and trusted radio. The previous station could not offer that feature, while Radio Fremantle can. Furthermore, Radio Fremantle provides a very easy way to listen 'On Demand'. That means you can listen any time you like to previous broadcasts at a time that suits you. Just go online to Radio Fremantle, 107.9FM, https://radiofremantle.com.au/shows/dutch-courage and go to "Shows", scroll down and click on any Sunday and you will hear the Dutch Courage program. There are many programs to choose from. Needless to say, you can still listen via the radio.

How are the programs financed? Nothing comes for free and the DCR always had to pay a fee to the station, to cover costs of equipment and royalties to artists. Some 45 years ago those fees were around \$30 but these days the broadcasting fees have gone up to just over \$50 per hour. That results a weekly cost of \$75 for the weekly program to go to air. The DCR receives some, very welcome, financial assistance from The Dutch Society Neerlandia but we do rely upon our listeners for further monetary help. You can do this by becoming a financial member or giving a small donation. On our website you can find a membership form for your consideration. Or you can mail a cheque to:

DCR, 5 Elimatta Way, City Beach, WA 6015. Please help us to 'Keep the Music On'.

I already mentioned our enthousiastic group of volunteers, without them there could not be any Dutch language broadcast. Currently, we have a few spots available for new team members. So, if you have a passion for music and like to keep in touch with the Dutch? This might be your chance. Our volunteers have so much fun with the production and presenting of the broadcasts. It is very fulfilling. All that is required, is a commitment to come to the studio once a month. If you like to try it out, get in touch with the DCR by sending an email to info@dutchradio.com.au "en komt het een keer uit proberen".

Dutch Community Radio, Sundays from 5:30pm to 7:00pm - Dutch Courage - Fremantle Radio 107.9 FM

Take care and make sure you give us a listen. Karin.

The joys of owning an electric Car in the UK

A story of the wonderful electric car and how it will save mother earth and the owner money ... I'm still laughing.

Subject: We laughed because we don't own one any longer.

Why I've pulled the plug on my electric car!!!

I watch my family strike out on foot across the fields into driving rain and gathering darkness, my wife holding each child's hand, our new year plans in ruins. Meanwhile I do what I can to make our dead car on a country lane safe, before abandoning it a mile short of home, full of luggage. It occurs to me not for the first time that if we are going to save the planet we will have to find another way. Because electric cars are not the answer.

I can't even roll it to a safer spot because it can't be put in neutral. For when an electric car dies, it dies hard. And then it lies there as a big and grey blob and not-going-anywhere, similar to the poacher-slain bull elephant I once saw rotting by a roadside in northern Kenya. Just a bit less smelly.

Two out of three roadside chargers are broken or busy at any one time. Not unusual. Since I bought my eco dream car in late 2020, in a deluded Thunbergian frenzy, it has spent more time off the road than on it, beached at the dealership for months at a time on account of innumerable electrical calamities, while I galumph around in the big diesel "courtesy cars" they send me under the terms of the warranty.

But this time I don't want one. And I don't want my own car back either.

I have asked the guys who sold it to me to sell it again, as soon as it is fixed, to the first mug who walks into the shop. Because I am going back to petrol while there is still time.

And if the government really does ban new wet fuel cars after 2030, then we will eventually have to go back to horses. Because the electric vehicle industry is no readier to get a family home from Cornwall at Christmas time, (as I was trying to do) than it is to fly us all to Jupiter. The cars are useless, the infrastructure is not there and you're honestly better off walking.

Even on the really long journeys. In fact, especially on the long journeys. The short ones they can just about manage. My honest opinion is that all this hype about these cars is a huge fraud. And, for me, it's over.

Yet the new owner of my "preloved" premium electric vehicle, fired with a messianic desire to make a better world for his children, will not know this.

He will be delighted with his purchase and overjoyed to find there are still six months of warranty left, little suspecting that once that has expired — and with it the free repairs and replacement cars for those long spells off road — he will be functionally carless.

He will be over the moon to learn that it has: "A range of up to 292 miles". No need to tell him that it really means "220 miles".

Why electric carmakers are allowed to tell these lies is a mystery to me. And it soon will be, to the new owner.

Although for the first few days he won't worry especially. He'll think he can just nip into a fuel station and charge it up again. Ho, ho, ho. No need to tell him that two out of three



Desperate Drivers queueing at an electric vehicle recharge station.

The joys of owning an electric Car in the UK

roadside chargers in this country are broken or busy at any one time. Or that the built-in "find my nearest charge point" function doesn't work, has never worked, and isn't meant to work.

Or that apps like Zap-Map don't work either because the chargers they send you to are always either busy or broken or require a membership card you don't have or an app you can't download because there's no 5G here, in the middle of nowhere, where your car will probably die.



Charging station exploded.

Or that the Society of Motor Manufacturers said this week that only 23 new chargers are being installed nationwide each day, of the 100 per day that were promised (as a proud early adopter, I told myself that charging would become easier as the network grew, but it hasn't grown, while the number of e-drivers has tripled, so it's actually harder now than it was two years ago).

There are, of course, plus sides to electric ownership. Such as the camaraderie when we encounter each other, tired and weeping at yet another service station with only two chargers, one of which still has the "this fault has been reported" sign on it from when you were here last August, and the other is of the measly 3kWh variety, which means you will have to spend the night in a Travelodge while your stupid drum lazily inhales enough juice to get home. Together, in the benighted charging zone, we lucky drivers laugh about what fools we are and drool over the diesel hatchbacks nonchalantly filling up across the way ("imagine getting to a fuel station and knowing for sure you will be able to refuel!") and talk in the hour-long queue at Exeter services about the petrol car we will buy as soon as we get home.

We filled up there last week on the way back from Cornwall, adding two hours to our Fourteen-hour journey, by which time Esther wasn't speaking to me. She's been telling me to get rid of the iPace since it ruined last summer's holidays in both Wales and Devon ("If you won't let us fly any more, at least buy a car that can get us to the places we're still allowed to go!").

But I kept begging her to give me one last chance, as if I'd refused to give up a mistress, rather than a dull family car. Until this time, a couple of miles from home, when a message flashed up on the dash: "Assisted braking not available — proceed with caution." Then: "Steering control unavailable."

And then, as I inched off the dual carriageway at our turnoff, begging it to make the last mile, children weeping at the scary noises coming from both car and father: "Gearbox fault detected." CLUNK. WHIRRR. CRACK. And the death. Nothing. Poached elephant. I called Jaguar Assist (there is a button in the roof that does it directly — most useful feature on the car) who told me they could have a mechanic there in four hours (who would laugh and say: "Can't help you, pal. You've got a software issue there. I'm just a car mechanic. And this isn't a car, it's a laptop on wheels.")

So Esther and the kids headed for home across the sleety wastes, a vision of post-apocalyptic misery like something out of Cormac McCarthy, while I saw out 2022 waiting for a tow-truck. Again. But don't let that put you off.

I see in the paper that electric car sales are at record levels and production is struggling to keep up with demand. So why not buy mine? It's clean as a whistle and boasts super-low mileage. After all, it's hardly been driven . . .

Author unknown.



What made me get this car!

Easter Craft afternoon

EASTER CRAFT AFTERNOON SATURDAY 1 April 2023

Come and bring your family for a fun afternoon of Easter Craft activities suitable for children aged 5 to 12 years. Lots of activities including colouring in, decorating ornaments for the Easter Tree, an Easter Egg Hunt and much more.





For our Teenagers, we will hold a <u>Karaoke</u> session at the same time.

All karaoke participants will receive an Easter <u>treat</u>

WHERE? At the Rhein Donau Club – Beer Garden
110 North Lake Road, MYAREE
TIME: 2:00PM to 4:00 PM

To allow us to cater for material and other items, **bookings are essential**. Whilst there is **no charge** for this event, only people who have booked will be admitted.

Bookings close on Friday 17th of March

Limited spaces are available for the craft session

Please note that chocolate eggs will be supplied. If your child has allergies, please make us aware of this in your booking. Refreshments will be available.

All children participating are to be supervised by a parent or guardian during the event.

For <u>bookings</u> please go to our website <u>www.dutchclubwa.com</u> or use this direct link <u>https://forms.gle/VdCGmj6XL5jzK4it9</u>

The BoekHoek

Boek recentie: Wendila, Oog om Oog.

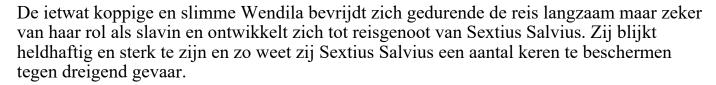
Beste lezers, tijdens zijn bezoek aan Nederland afgelopen December, bezocht Machiel van der Stelt een Waterliniemuseum*. Tot zijn vreugde zag hij daar een aantal educatieve stripboeken (comic book), die hij selecteerde voor

educatieve stripboeken (comic book), die hij selecteerde voor een BoekHoek review.

Het eerste stripboek dat Machiel oppakte en hier bespreekt is: 'Wendila, Oog om Oog'.

Het verhaal speelt zich af in Nederland gedurende de Romeinse tijd. De Romeinse tijd is de periode tussen 40 AD en 300 AD. In het verhaal volgen we Wendila, die een slavin van Sextius Salvius is. Samen moeten ze een gevaarlijke reis ondernemen.

Sextius Salvius is een oogarts en hij moet een VIP, die een oogkwaal heeft, bezoeken en opereren.



Het stripboek is een meeslepend verhaal.

Wat maakt dit stripboek educatief? Wat bij het lezen naar boven komt, is dat de Romeinse periode, in tegenstelling tot wat men wellicht verwacht wat betreft vergaarde kennis en de aard van de samenleving, een ontwikkelde en geavanceerde periode was.

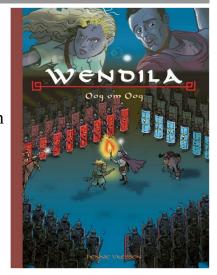
Een voorbeeld van deze ontwikkelde beschaving in dit verhaal is dat de diagnose van staar kon worden vastgesteld en dat toen al met oog operaties deze kwaal te verhelpen was. Ook waren medici in staat bevallingen via keizersnee uit te voeren.

Uiteraard waren de procedures niet zo geavanceerd als tegenwoordig qua verdoving, hygiëne en overlevingskansen maar de medische kennis was aanwezig.

Het zijn deze feiten die het verhaal niet alleen spannend maar ook leerzaam maken. Omdat de verhaallijn simpel is, leest het boek makkelijk. Ondanks het ontbreken van een sterke karakter boog die emotionele- en intellectuele leermomenten van de hoofdpersoon uiteenzet, blijft Wendila een plezierig boek om te lezen.

*Het Waterliniemuseum is gevestigd op Fort bij Vechten, één van de grootste forten van de Nieuwe Hollandse Waterlinie. Op deze unieke plek, op de grens van de Romeinse Limes en in de Nieuwe Hollandse Waterlinie, komen cultuur en natuur samen. Ontdek door interactieve presentaties, persoonlijke verhalen, digitale media en leuke activiteiten het verhaal van water als bondgenoot én kracht.

Voor meer informatie betreffende dit boek van de Neerlandia Mies Bibliotheek is Machiel te bereiken via email: mvdstelt@gmail.com



Neerlandia Seniors

The Seniors Club.

The new year started off for the Seniors on Thursday 26th January. It was Australia day and a public holiday, but 31 Neerlandia Seniors Club Members were happy to be back among friends and participate in the various games. Our Chef was unavailable that day, so we arranged for a Subway Lunch followed by a bowl of yoghurt. This was certainly enjoyed by all. It was very pleasing to welcome four new faces to our gathering. Well, not all new faces, but 2 new faces and 2 faces we hadn't seen for a while or who were new to the Seniors group but were attending Bingo. We were



happy to welcome Adriana Dudnik, Janke Raayen, Peter Rietveld, and Aarend van Ryan. Our second meeting was on the 9th of February and again we had 33 members attend our meeting. Sadly, we were advised that Henk Oorschot was in a very bad way with only days to live. As it turned out, Henk passed away that very evening. We will miss Henk very much as he had a great dedication to the Seniors group, and was a very able stand in, when I couldn't attend. He had led the Seniors group for many years and built up a great friendship with most members. The Seniors Club extends our condolences to Riet and her family. We look forward to welcoming Riet back in our midst once she feels ready to resume that part of her life.

We look forward to the return of members who have been overseas for many months and are now back in Perth. It will be good to catch up with them and continue that fellowship we enjoy together.

As can be evidenced by the new members we welcomed on the 26th of January, we are always ready to welcome new members into our club. If you like to play some games with other likeminded people who share a common heritage why not contact John Zwartkruis on 0434 920 252 or by email at terjohnz@gmail.com for further details.

We look forward to making your acquaintance and welcoming you as part of our Neerlandia Seniors Club.

John Zwartkruis.





Interesting upcoming events



Easter 2023 sees the 24th Volkstanzfest hosted in Perth, WA at the Rhein Donau Club.

The first Volkstanzfest started in Adelaide, SA. In 1977. Since then, folk dance groups celebrating German, Austrian and Swiss dances have come together in Australia every two years to celebrate our various cultures.

This Volkstanzfest we welcome:

- Alpenländler Dance Group of Croyden, NSW
- Alpenrosen Dance Group of Brisbane, Qld
- St Raphaels German Folk Dancing Group of Frenchs Forest, NSW
- Oberlander Tanzpaar of Cairns, Qld, and
- Hosting this Volkstanzfest, The Edelweiss Dance Group and Echo der Berge of Perth, WA.

When: From Fri day April 7 to April 10, 2023

Doors open 12:30pm each day with restaurant and bar service. The festival will start at 2pm each day. The full program will be sent to ticket holders closer to the event date.

For Tickets go to: https://www.trybooking.com/eve

RDC member prices will apply to Neerlandia members as well.



CALLING ALL TEENAGERS

Do you enjoy music? Come sing and dance to your hearts content or if singing isn't for you, enjoy the company of new friends.

Saturday 1st of April (not an April Fools Joke!) WHEN:

TIME: 2-4pm

WHERE: Karls Bar at the Rhein Donau Club,

110 North Lake Road, Myaree

RSVP for catering purposes at: www.dutchclubwa.com

Or using the direct link: https://forms.gle/VdCGmj6XL5jzK4it9

THIS IS A FREE EVENT - All attendees will receive an Easter gift.

In Memoriam and Members Birthdays

In Memoriam

Passed away on the 24th of November 2022.

Anne Neil

Long-time Member and Volunteer Worker of the Dutch Society Neerlandia Member of the Seniors' Club. (Sincere Apologies to her family from the Editor as notification was too late to be published in the December/January edition and it was unfortunately omitted in the February '23 issue)

Passed away on the 29th of January

Bart Struyke

Long-time Member of Neerlandia and Member of the Card Clubs and the Seniors' Club.

Sincere condolences from the Members of the various Sub-Clubs and The Neerlandia Committee

Passed away peacefully on the 9th of February

Henk Oorschot

(Neerlandia Life Member)

Past-Committee Member and Events Organiser, past-President of the Bingo and Seniors Sub-Clubs

Sincere condolences to Riet and all her family from the Committee and the Members of the **Dutch Society Neerlandia and Sub-Clubs**

Passed away peacefully on the 14th of February

Peter Raayen

Ex-Member of the Card Club and the Seniors Club

Sincere condolences to his family from the Dutch Society Neerlandia and Members of the various Sub-Clubs

Ne following Members will celebrate their Birthday during the month of March 2023. We wish them all a 🥄 very Happy Birthday.

Zoe Baltes Beatrix Broekman Joke (Johanna) Brussaard Margita Margita Chudziak Corry Fisher Camille Goodchild Clint Green Bruce Hancock Stefan Haze Rick Hollamby Jan Lagerwey Helen Levy Harold Lovery Sonja Lyons Jenny Norder Sylvia **Pickles** Michael Rysdyk Graham Sack Linda Slater

Tim Tucker Nelly(Cornelia) van der Heiden Tieerd van der Meule Tiny van Doorn Vogels Mary Jacobus(Jack) Voorn Ian White

🥄 If your birthday is not 🤼 mentioned, or you would like to change the details, that can be arranged. To make changes you need to send an E-mail to the 🤏 editor:

🤼 pieter.leeflang@bigpond.com

Obituary and new Members

In Memory of Henk Oorschot

On Thursday 9th
February Henk
Oorschot passed
away peacefully.
Henk had an acute
medical condition,
which he had been
battling successfully
for many years.
However, recently



complications had set in and his health deteriorated rapidly.

Henk became a Neerlandia member in June 2012 and joined the Neerlandia Committee in September 2014. He became Events Co-Ordinator and was responsible for many great events held at the Neerlandia Club or at venues around Perth such as annual André Rieu concert shown on the big screen in one of our movie cinemas. He also organised annual attendance at a show at the Tivoli Theatre in Applecross.

Henk also raised funds for Telethon and was featured during the 2019 broadcast.

In February 2015, he started Bingo, initially with mixed success. Nevertheless, he persevered. From those humble beginnings where only 6 to 7 people attended, we now have a regular attendance in the mid to high 30's with a few occasions exceeding 40 attendees.

Henk took over the Neerlandia Seniors Group, formerly known as "De Jeugd van Vroeger" (Yesterday's Youth) from Thea de Koning. Again, he built on the foundations put in place by Thea and her predecessors, resulting in a large following of members. He built up many friendships over many years.

For both the Seniors & Bingo groups he organised an annual bus trip away somewhere which included either a two or three course lunch. This was enjoyed by all. Having been a builder, when Neerlandia moved from Wembley to Myaree, he was

the one who built all the shelving in the storeroom, so that all Neerlandia's belongings and items of importance could be safely stored away.

In his short tenure on the Neerlandia Committee, he was recognised for his many different roles that he led very ably and with distinction. This resulted in Henk being granted Life Membership in September 2019.

Henk was also a proof-reader for our Neerlandia Magazine.

Henk's enthusiasm and friendship will be surely missed by all Members of the Seniors Club, Bingo Players and those members of Neerlandia who knew him.

Sincere condolences to Riet and family from the Neerlandia Committee, the Seniors Club and the Bingo Group.

Jan Zwartkruis, President.

NEERLANDIA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.

4 former-members that have rejoined. Henny Crijns Nel Bakker Tiny Swart Robert Wilson

4 new members.
Adriana Dudnik
Dennis van Kinderen
Jessica van Kinderen
Wendela van der Togt

The Neerlandia Sub-Clubs News

Neerlandia Card Club News.

The card Club resumed playing on Thursday the 26th of January, without the Bolivia players, as they play every second week only.

As this day happened to be Australia Day, several players were unable to attend. Yet we still managed to get 9 players.

But the week after, we had 13 players including a couple of prospective new players, with the promise that more players may attend.

It was also good to see Elly back again after an absence of almost one year, this on account of back surgery.

The first competition of 2023, which will run over 15 weeks, started off well for a few players, who shot out of the blocks and after 3 weeks established a handy lead over the rest of the field.

With 12 more weeks to go, everything is possible. As they say in Dutch: "Hardlopers zijn Doodlopers." (Frontrunners often finish last) We will see what eventuates. Our Canasta players do play Bolivian Canasta.

Pieter Leeflang, President.

The Neerlandia Snooker Club.

The snooker players resumed playing again on Monday the 30th of January, after the summer break.

Improvements of the Billiard room are ongoing, but upgrading the office and kitchen are more important at this stage. However, the players do enjoy the smooth surface of the replaced cloth on table no 2. Barrie Parker is back again after moving house and contracting Covid, while away on holidays. All in all it was a stressful time for him and Lianna. Henk and Judy Hanemaaijer are moving house too and won't be around for a few weeks.

Pieter Leeflang. President.



Smiling faces all around. Elly was glad to be back after almost one year.

The February Sunday Drive Results

The 1st Sunday Klaverjas Drive for 2023.

It was a pity that "André Rieu in the Theatre" was playing the same weekend. No one knew about it until it was too late, otherwise we would have organised the Card Drive a week later.

The Theatre Staff never notified the Neerlandia Committee, which was a shame as Neerlandia usually sells over 50 tickets for them.

Anyway, on the 5th of February we held our very first Sunday Drive for the year.

A few people put in their apologies, but we still had 16 participants.

The best thing was that we had a couple of newcomers. Janke and Rita, with the promise of more people to come if those that were playing enjoyed the games, the atmosphere and company.

We all started off the day with coffee and an Gevulde Koek. (almond cake)

At 10.30 am we started the competition and after two games were played, it was time for lunch with coffee or tea.

However, with the RDC kitchen being closed on Sunday morning, we had to improvise.

Lunch was ordered from the local Subway outlet and the 6-inch Subs, with Ham and Salad or Roast Beef and Salad were picked up by Piet Leeflang picked up the order not far from the RDC.

As soon as the players completed two games



The winners L-R: Ellie Schenkelaars, 1st Prize; Piet Segers, 2nd Prize and Babette van Dijk, 3rd Prize.

they collected their lunch and poured themselves a cup of coffee or tea.

After lunch it was time for another 2 games. With our Treasurer John Zwartkruis absent. it was great to see Piet Segers help out with general cleaning up and washing the dishes in the bar. Thanks Piet, you have done it for so long and it is still a good habit.

When the scoresheets came in and they were checked, it showed that there were not too many people with a high score.

Even so, there was a great battle between 1st and second, as the difference was only 43

Elly Schenkelaars, who had been away for almost 12 months, showed that she had not forgotten how to play the game either, as she won the 1st prize.

Congratulations to the Prize Winners and especially Elly. Well done.

The prize winners were: 1st Elly Schenkelaars 2nd Piet Segers 3rd Babette van Dijk Pieter Leeflang, President.

6748 points 6705 points 6583 points



History Is not there for you to like or dislike. It is there for you to learn from it. And if it offends you, even better. Because then you are less likely to repeat it. It's not yours to erase. It belongs to all of us.

May a bit of Humour light up your Day

I'm a keen pianist too.

A bloke knocks off and heads home. It's a foul night, with rain bucketing down, lightning flashing and thunder crashing. He sees a woman on the side of the road, bonnet up, peering into the engine bay of her car. He stops to see if he can help.

He soon realises the car's electrics have been doused with water. Taking a can of WD40, he sprays everything. When he tries the ignition, the motor starts.

They are both drenched and the young woman says she lives not all that far away. "You should come to my place and dry off before you head home," she says.

He follows her to a lovely suburban home and goes inside with her.



As they enter the lounge, he sees a beautiful Steinway grand piano.

"Oh, I'm a keen pianist," she explains. He replies that he, too, is a pianist.

She directs him to an ensuite. He takes off his wet clothes, passing them out past the door so she can put them through her clothes dryer.

He dons a dressing gown hanging on the back of the door and returns to the lounge. The young woman comes back to the lounge as well. She looks totally ravishing, clad in a sheer negligee and nothing else.

"Do you like to play?" she asks.

He steps straight up to the piano and begins a performance of Rachmaninoff concert 2.

Driving the family car.

A mother and father had just given their

teenage daughter family car privileges. On Saturday night she returned home very late from a party.

The next morning her father went out to the driveway to get the newspaper and came back into the house frowning. In the middle of the day, the girl sleepily walked into the kitchen and her father asked her:

"Sweetheart, what time did you get in last night?"

"Not too late, Dad," she replied nervously.

Dead-panned, her father said: "Then, my precious one, I'll have to talk with the paperboy about putting my

paper under the front wheel of our car!"

Lost contact lenses.

Billy was playing basketball in his driveway when he lost a contact lens.

After a brief but fruitless search, he gave up looking. His mother decided to search for it instead and within minutes she'd found the lens.

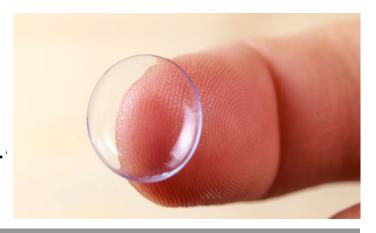
"How did you do that?" Billy asked.

"We weren't looking for the same thing Billy," she explained.

"You were looking for a small piece of plastic, I was looking for \$150."

Missed their Exams.

Four university students decided to go out the night before their final exam. They drank too much, got home late, did not hear their alarms go off and completely missed sitting



May a bit of Humour light up your Day

for their exam.

The students go to their professor, explaining this elaborate story that they were on their way, but the car they were travelling in got a flat tyre.

They beg their professor to be allowed to retest the exam. After hearing their pleas and giving them careful consideration, the professor agrees.

The day of the make up exam arrives. All four of the students arrive on time. They are prepared for the exam.

The professor looks a the students, looks at his watch, and then says, "You may begin the test."

The four students open their final exam booklet, but to their surprise, there is only one question:

"Which tyre was flat?"



Don't step on the ducks.

Three women die together in an accident and go to Heaven. When they get there, St Peter says: "We only have one rule here in heaven, don't step on the ducks!" They enter Heaven, and sure enough, there are ducks all over the place. It is almost impossible not to step on a duck. Although they try their best to avoid them, the first woman accidentally steps on one.

Well, along comes St Peter with the most unattractive man she's ever seen. St Peter chains them together and says: "Your punishment for stepping on a duck is to spend eternity chained to this ugly man!"



The next day, the second woman steps accidentally

on a duck and along comes St Peter, who doesn't miss a thing. With him is another extremely unattractive man. He chains them together with the same admonishment as for the first woman.

The third woman has observed all this and not wanting to be chained for all eternity to an ugly man, is very careful where she steps. She manages to go months without stepping on any ducks.

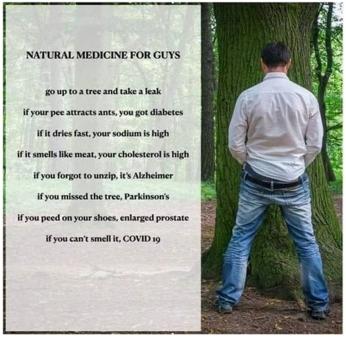
Then one day St Peter comes up to her with the most handsome man she has ever laid eyes on. He was tall, had long eyelashes and was quite muscular. St Peter chains them together without saying a word.

The happy woman says: "I wonder what I did to deserve being chained to you for all of eternity?"

The man turns to her and says: "I don't know about you, but I stepped on a duck!

Natural Medicines.

These days more and more people believe strongly in natural diagnosis. To assist those people, following is a worthwhile guidance on how to check your health.



Heeze, the Small Town with a great Initiative



of North Brabant until 1971, when the Municipality of Heeze-Leende was established. The Municipality is about 9 km Southeast of the City of Eindhoven. The Heeze Castle is a privately owned Castle, but it is

Heeze was an independent town in the Dutch province

still a Tourist attraction, as is the Strabrechtse Heide.

Flag & Coat of Arms, Heeze-Leende.

History:

The village was first mentioned in 1173 as Herebertus de

Heese, in old Brabants it meant shrubbery.

Heeze has always been an agricultural Community, which developed along the river Aa. Heeze was home to 1,814 people in 1840. In 1913, a railway station was constructed on the Eindhoven to Weert railway line. This line was closed in 1977, but a new railway station opened on a new location with new connection to other Towns and Cities.

The Heeze Castle:

The current Castle dates from the 15th century. In the Middle Ages, it was owned by the de Horne family. In the seventeenth Century Pieter Post designed a new castle, of which the first part was built in 1665. After Pieter Post died, the work was to be completed by his son Maurits Post. However, due to the rising costs of importing all building materials from other regions of the country, building was halted early and never finished.



The Heeze Castle.

For this reason, the part of the castle that is used by the current owners was actually meant to be the servants' quarters. The biggest part of the castle was to be built behind the first courtyard.

In 1760 the castle was bought by Jan Maximiliaan van Tuyll van Serooskerken. The Van Tuyll van Serooskerken family has lived in the castle ever since.

This popular Castle is open to the public, but only by guided tours at limited times.

The Strabrechtse Heide (Moor):

This 1500 HA Nature Reserve is very popular for hiking, cycling and many other activities as the pictures below show.



Rabantse Dag (Brabants Day) in Heeze: History and Development:

In 1957, the local Inn De Zwaan initiated this annual Brabant's cultural-historical Parade.

A year later, the first parade went through the streets of Heeze. It was a Parade of floats depicting ancient and old crafts. The floats were designed and completed by eighteen float building groups. For many years, not only groups from Heeze, but also from other places in the Netherlands and Belgium took part.







The Stabrechtse Heide (Moor) is ideal for walking, cycling or even painting!

Heeze, the Small Town with a great Initiative





The up-side down ship.

The Smoking Dragon.



In the beginning, in addition to the Parade, there were exhibitions, music performances and other cultural events.

From the 80's onwards, the floats had to be made to an annual theme, in which acting, singing, make -up, clothing and dancing are important parts. For instance, the Theme for 2023 is EUREKA! This refers to the Greek mathematician Archimedes' exclamation Eureka ("I've got it!"). It literally means discoveries and/or inventions. The sixteen chariot groups will search for a discovery by a Brabander or an invention that came out of either the Dutch or the Belgian area.

The Float designers and Makers:

Every year, the car manufacturers incorporate innovative techniques into their floats. Construction takes place during the summer months, but the vehicle builder groups are actively involved in Brabantse Dag all year round.

The sixteen vehicle builder groups together have approximately 2000 participants, a large number of whom also participate in the Parade. Each year, the Brabantse Dag has a theme that must be reflected in the Parade, which is the source of inspiration for the sixteen float building groups. It will inspire them for creating their impressive contribution to the Parade. In the Parade, events from the past come to life, related to (the Duchy of) Brabant. These events are creatively translated into our time. Passing floats impress the public with their original design, increasingly innovative

techniques and theatre play on and around the floats.

Compiled from the Internet by Pieter Leeflang.





More Floats: The Witches and Fairy Tales.

Advertisers and Codeword results



Let's combine forces and order Dutch liquor together!

As a service to our Neerlandia Members, Lianna will order in bulk so that you, as an individual Member won't incur shipping costs for that odd bottle or two.

Please contact Lianna on 0437 629 635 to place your order and to arrange pick up of your favourite bottle of: -

Advocaat - \$23 (price increase)
Jonge jenever - \$65
Citroen jenever - \$60
Citroen brandewijn - \$50
Coebergh bessen likeur - \$45
Oude jenever (traditional stone bottle)-\$75



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Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S can occur more often then others e.g. the letters O, X or Z.

Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEWORD.

This puzzle was not a pushover at all and it was difficult to find the first 3 words.

But once the words: Aplomb, Emblem and Mandolin were found, the rest became easier.

The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker were as follows: A=1; B=8; C=23; D=21; E=16; F=25; G=14; H=4; I=5; J=17; K=6; L=7; M=22; N=9; O=19; P=10; Q=24; R=3; S=15; T=26; U=13; V=12; W=11; X=18; Y=20; Z=2.

Results of last month's Bonus BOTTOM CODEWORD.

This puzzle was not easy as I had a problem finding the first word. Once I got that it was much easier. The first three words were: Toothaches, Staccato and Process and then it became easier.

The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker were as follows: A=22; B=20; C=19; D=25; E=7; F=17; G=1; H=4; I=11; J=9; K=14; L=24; M=6; N=16; O=2; P=13; Q=12; R=5; S=15; T=23; U=3; V=21; W=18; X=8; Y=26; Z=10.

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Code-Word and Sudoku Puzzles Page

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Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column; each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

Sudoku 981 Easy Puzzle

Sudoku 981 Moderate Puzzle

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The first 3 words I found were Museum, Suburb and Stub.

Once those 3 words were found, it was still not easy.

The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker were as follows: A=8; B=10; C=17; D=2; E=9; F=3; G=22; H=16; I=12; J=19; K=5; L=4; M=26; N=13; O=15; P=18; Q=7; R=21; S=11; T=24; U=1; V=14; W=6; X=23; Y=25; Z=20.

Last month's Sudoku Easy 980 solution.

3	1	6	8	9	2	4	7	5
4	7	8	1	3	5	6	2	9
9	5	2	4	6	7	3	1	8
7	8	1	5	4	9	2	3	6
2	4	5	3	8	6	1	9	7
6	9	3	2	7	1	5	8	4
8	6	4	9	1	3	7	5	2
1	2	7	6	5	8	9	4	3
5	3	9	7	2	4	8	6	1

Last month's Sudoku Medium 980 solution.

5	4	7	8	6	9	3	2	1
3	1	8	2	4	7	6	5	9
6	9	2	1	5	3	7	8	4
7	2	5	3	9	1	8	4	6
8	6	1	4	7	2	5	9	3
4	3	9	5	8	6	1	7	2
9	5	4	6	1	8	2	3	7
1	7	3	9	2	5	4	6	8
2	8	6	7	3	4	9	1	5

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